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Dear Examiner Alanko:

In response to the final office action mailed November 16, 2006, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated February 15, 2007 (2 pages); and
- 2) Amendment AF with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated February 15, 2007 (6 pages).

Very respectfully,

Molly Sauter  
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Application No. : 10/710,984 Confirmation No.: 9395  
Applicants: : Shekhar Bhansali  
: Abdu Rub Abdur  
: Sunny Kedia  
Filed: : 08/16/2004  
Art Unit : 1765  
Examiner : Anita Karen Alanko  
  
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Customer No. : 21,901  
For : Wet Etching Process

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is an independent inventor.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of time is required.

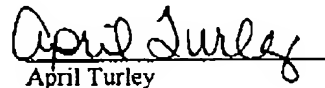
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**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment AF, including Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, are being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 1765, Attn: Anita Karen Alanko, (571) 273-8300, on February 15, 2007.

Dated: February 15, 2007

  
April Turley

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**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	12	Minus	20	= 0	x \$25 =	\$0
Indep.	1	Minus	3	= 0	x \$100 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$180 =	\$0
Total					Addit. Fee	\$0

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3,
  - \*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE (Column 2, Row 1) is less than 20, enter "20".
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- The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,

*Molly Sauter*

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Examiner's Action mailed on November 16, 2006, having a statutory period for response that expired on February 16, 2007, the above-identified patent application is amended as follows. Applicant has elected to present the amendment using the revised amendment format set forth in the waiver of 37 CFR 1.121.

AMENDMENT AF

(37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.